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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC) EUROPEAN STUDY TRIP

REF: A) STATE 47875, B) MADRID 1538, C) LISBON 1348

1. FOR MADRID:

A. NWC EUROPEAN STUDY ARRANGEMENTS STILL UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW. IF SPANISH VISIT POSSIBLE, NWC WILL WISH ITS ENTIRE EUROPEAN GROUP (29 STUDENTS AND 7 OTHERS) TO VISIT MADRID APRIL 23-27, 1975. ETA (LOCAL) 1315 APRIL 23; ETD (LOCAL) 1200 APRIL 27. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND TO MINIMIZE LEAD TIMES AS MUCH AS FEASIBLE, APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS:

(1) ASSUMING REASONABLE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS AVAILABLE,
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PLEASE BOOK TENTATIVE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR SEVENTEEN

(17) DOUBLES AND TWO (2) SINGLES, PLUS ROOMS FOR AIR CREW OF SEVEN (BREAKOUT ON SINGLES/DOUBLES FOR AIR CREW WILL BE SENT SOON). PLEASE NOTIFY NWC OF LATEST POSSIBLE CANCELLATION STIPULATIONS.

(2) PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT (INFO NWC) LATEST DATE ON WHICH YOU BELIEVE SPANISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE APPROACHED RE VISIT PROPOSAL. WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR CUT-OFF DATE AS PIVOTAL FOR FINAL DECISIONS ON PRECISE EUROPEAN ITINERARY.

(3) DESIGNATE A PROJECT OFFICER AND PROVIDE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH INFO COPY TO NWC.

B. LETTERS FOLLOW ON SUGGESTED SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO AMBASSADOR AND PROJECT OFFICER.

C. NWC GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR PROMPT AND MOST HELPFUL RESPONSE AND MUCH LOOKS FORWARD TO IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION VISIT TO MADRID AT THIS TIME WOULD MAKE TO ITS POLICY STUDIES.

2. FOR LISBON: NWC APPRECIATES YOUR ADVICE CONCERNING VISIT PROPOSAL AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS CONSIDERATIONS ADVANCED REF C. IF MADRID VISIT MATERIALIZES, NWC WISHES TO SUGGEST POSSIBILITY THAT EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT BRIEF GROUP IN MADRID ON CRITICALLY IMPORTANT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND LARGER PROSPECTS AFFECTING PORTUGUESE SITUATION.

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